# Health Update:

# Rabies
## Manufacturer's Recall of Human Rabies Vaccine

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SUBJECT: **Manufacturer's Recall of Human Rabies Vaccine**

**[This Health Update provides additional information on the manufacturer's recall of human rabies vaccine Health Advisory issued on April 3, 2004.)**

The attached document is an algorithm for triage and disposition of persons who received Imovax rabies vaccine from 9/23/03 through 4/2/04 from vaccine lots X0667-2, X0667-3, W1419-2, and W1419-3. It was developed jointly by the New York State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Questions should be directed to the Department of Health and Senior Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 800-392-0272.**

# Patient* Triage, Imovax Rabies Vaccine Recall, April 2, 2004

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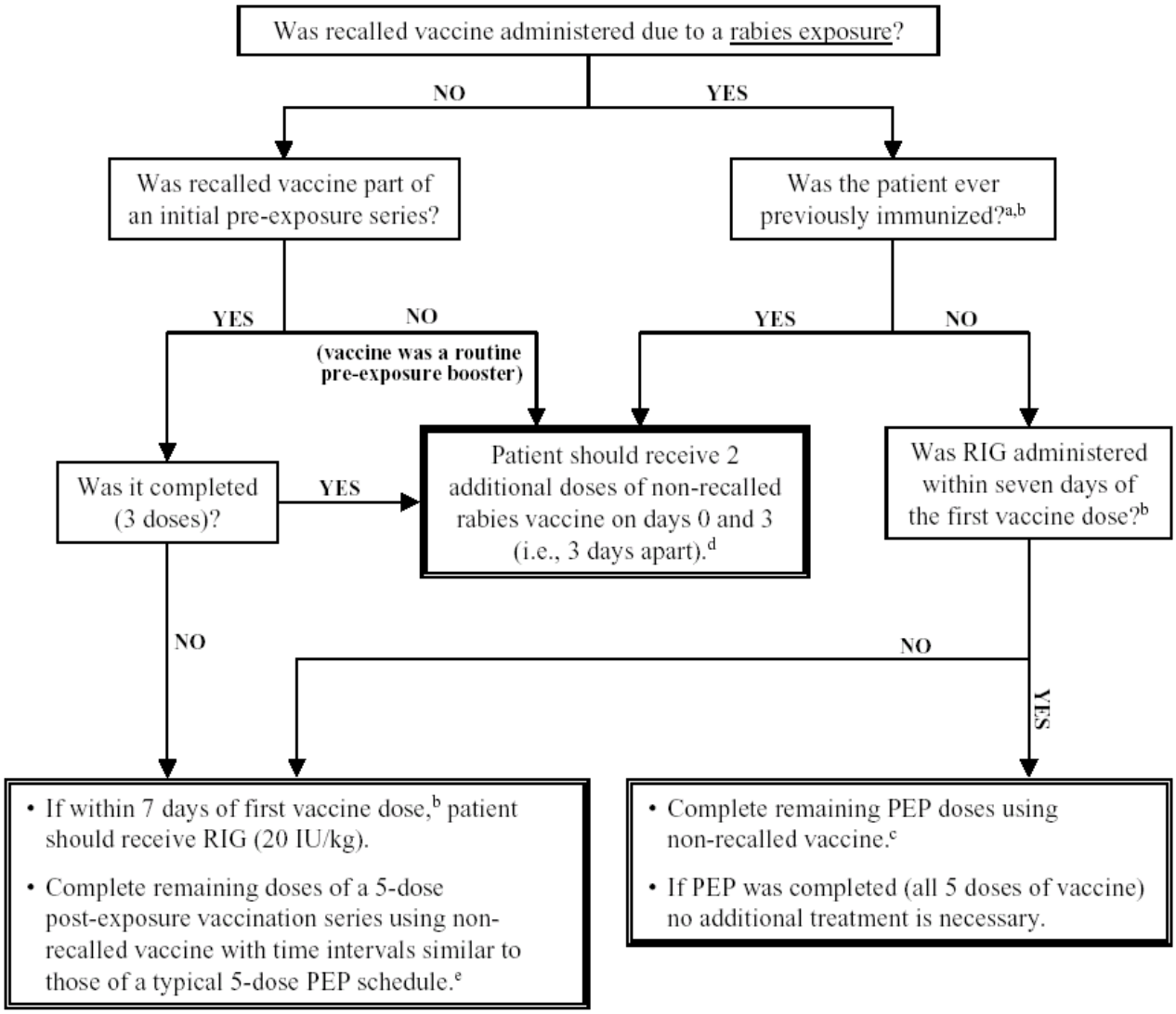
from vaccine lots X0667-2, X0667-3, W1419-2, and W1419-3)




a. Previously immunized = 3 previous doses for pre-exposure or post-exposure.

b. Any vaccine regardless of whether that vaccine was in the recalled lots.

c. If PEP was discontinued because the animal was found to not have rabies, the patient should complete series using non-recalled vaccine (i.e., total of 5 doses of vaccine including any already given.)

d. If < 7 days since completion of 3 doses, the additional 2 doses should be given at days 7 and 21 after last previous dose.

e. Typical 5-dose PEP schedule = vaccine on days 0, 3, 7, 14, 28.